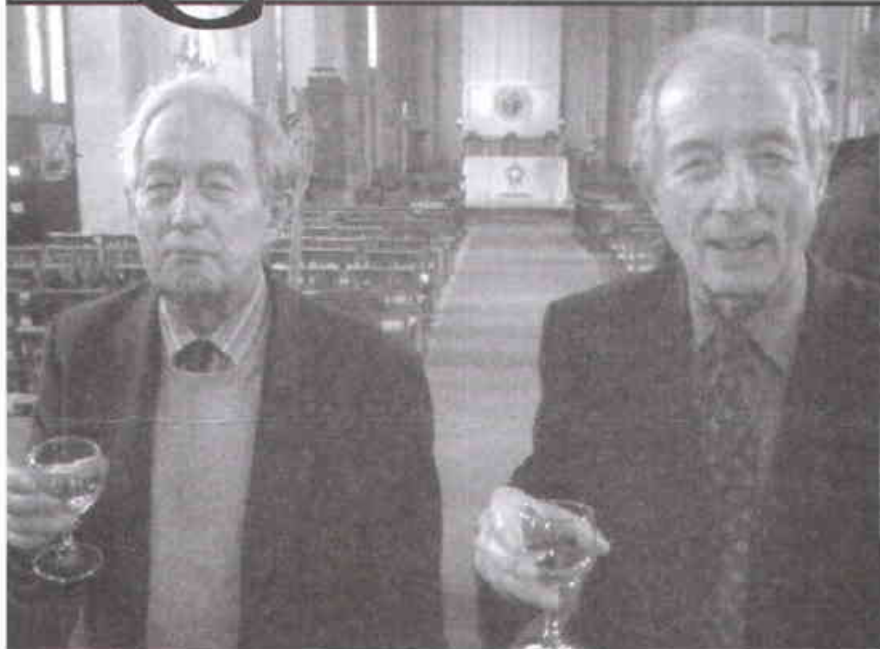


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TWINS and life-long cricket and football fans Derrick (left) & Donald Flory celebrated their joint 80th birthday recently with a party at Derrick's home, and were then surprised by a 'cup-cakes and bubbly' reception after church the next day.

Even the party cake had a sporty theme—baked by one of the congregation in the shape of a football pitch, with models of the twins playing against each other.



Donald is News Editor for 'Challenge,' and brother Derrick has served as Churchwarden at St George's for the last four years, having been Secretary to the Church Council for some years prior to that.

The picture on the left shows the twins a few years ago - can you tell which is which?

Chesterton Festival plans underway

FOLLOWING this year's fun packed 4 - day festival in Chesterton, plans are underway for next year's event. Dates have been confirmed for Friday to Sunday, 24 - 26 June with plans for the festival to include a Social Event at Brown's Field, a Community Day, a church service at the Methodist Church and a photographic competition. Anyone wishing to have a stall or offer an activity or display for the arena on Saturday, 25 June, should contact Eleanor Whalley at St Andrew's Hall on 306150 - email: eleanor@standrews-hall.co.uk.



"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this."

Isaiah 9:6-7

The vicar and churchwardens, and the whole congregation, including the staff here at 'Challenge' would like to wish all our readers a very happy and holy Christmas season.

Perhaps you've never been to church at Christmas, or perhaps it's been a long while since you did. Or perhaps you are far from home and family, or perhaps you just have that feeling that there should be more to your life than there is right now.

Whatever your reason, you can be sure that you will be very welcome at St George's any time, but especially so at this Christmas time.

Come and hear and see the real Christmas story at our 10.00 **Family Service** on Sun 19th Dec, or later at 3 pm sing along to well-known carols at our **Music & Mince pies for Christmas** - a united event with our friends from Chesterton Methodist Church.

Children (and adults) are always enthralled at the **Christingle Service** on Christmas Eve; and the formal liturgy of the **Midnight Eucharist** is one of the most powerful highlights of the year.

Or why not bring (or wear!) a Christmas present to the Family Service at 10am on Christmas morning?

Christmastide at St. George's

Sunday 5th December—Advent II

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
3.00 pm United Evensong

Sunday 12th December—Advent III

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
3.00 pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 19th December—Advent IV

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am **Family Service & Nativity Play**
3.00 pm **Christmas Music & Mince pies**

Christmas Eve - Friday 24th December

3.00 pm **Christingle Service**
11.30 pm **Midnight Eucharist**

Christmas Day - Saturday 25th December

10.00 am **Family Christmas Service**

Sunday 26th December—Christmas I

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Family Service

Weekday services:

Holy Communion: 10.00 am Weds
Morning Prayer: 8.00 am Mon-Fri,
9.00 am Saturday.

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Farewell to our Neville



NEVILLE Minas, who died on 17 October at the age of 89, had been an active member of St George's Church congregation for the past 24 years.

Many who met him will have been struck by his remarkable gentle, kindly and courteous manner, and strong Christian faith.

Neville was of Armenian descent and spent his early days in Mandalay, Burma, but when the Japa-

nese invaded the country in 1942, he and his family trekked several hundred miles through the Burmese jungle into India where he joined the RAF in Bombay.

And it was in Bombay that he was to meet Jack Mason of Fallowfield, who was also in the RAF. They immediately struck up a close friendship which was to last for many years until Jack's death in 1983.

After the war in 1949, Neville came to the UK where for the next 33 years he lived at a ToCH Hostel in Kennington, South London, working for the USPG in Westminster, one of the Anglican Church's missionary societies. He became an intense and active member of ToCH and served regularly at the Church of All Hallows, close to the Tower of London, and where the founder of ToCH, Canon 'Tubby' Clayton was vicar.

ToCH was founded at Poperinge, Belgium, in 1915 when Canon Clayton converted an unused small

mansion, later to be called Talbot House, into a place where soliders from the nearby front line could have rest, support and Christian fellowship. It is now a ToCH museum and resting place, and a building well known to Neville, who occasionally served there as Warden.

On his retirement in 1985, Neville moved to Cambridge and came to live in Oban Court off Union Lane, later moving to Coach House Court where visitors would always be very welcomed, finding a wonderful 'Aladdin's cave' where Neville's whole life was portrayed in the form of photographs, pictures and life long presents; he was one of the few people in this country to receive the special Maundy Money from the Queen.

Sadly, after a number of serious illnesses, Neville finally came to live in the newly built Langdon House care home, where he told all he was wonderfully looked after.

The funeral service at St George's Church was conducted by the Vicar, the Revd Stephen Bowring and the eulogy given by Canon Pam Reed, a former Vicar of the church.

Neville never married but leaves a nephew, Ivor Smith of Campkin Road and a niece, Gillian Carol who lives in Gravesend, Kent.

Primary school successes

PRIMARY schools in our parish have hit the headlines in past weeks for considerable efforts on behalf of the young pupils who attend.

The Shirley Community Nursery and Primary School in Nuffield Road and at Green End Road has become the first school in the country to receive the Equalities Award. The award recognises 'exceptional effort and commitment in promoting equality of opportunity, tackling discrimination, and contributing to community cohesion'.

More than half of the school's 400 pupils come from ethnic minorities and more than 20 different languages are spoken in its classrooms.

A fifth of the youngsters come from the nearby Fen Road travelling site.

The award is promoted by the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

The Grove Primary School, Campkin Road, has just been presented with the bronze School Mark Award from the cycling charity Sustrans, to recognise its work in encouraging its pupils to travel to school by bicycle.

Over the past 10 months the number of children regularly cycling to school has more than doubled, with nearly 25 per cent of pupils travelling to The Grove school on two wheels - the national average is just 2 per cent!

Popular service aids Children's Society

AT 3.00 pm on Christmas Eve the church will once again be filled with the flickering light of dozens of 'Christingles'. The service has its origins in the Moravian Church, and has been adopted by the Children's Society in recent years.

The orange at the centre represents the whole world; the four sticks with sweets the fruits of the earth. The orange is surrounded by a blood-red band reminding us of the death of Jesus, and the candle shows that Jesus came to be the light of the world.



Care home commended

STAFF at the Brown's Field House, the care home in Sherbourne Close, have won a prestigious award and are delighted their work tending the elderly residents, had been recognised. The award was the University of Stirling's Team of the Year prize in the International Dementia Excellent Awards.

The care team have used a range of innovative ways, over past years, to support the residents at the home where 85 per cent of the occupants have been diagnosed with dementia.

St. GEORGE'S HALL USERS

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PLAYLANDERS PLAYGROUP: 9 am-2.45pm

Mrs. Susan Lister: 420954

SLIMMING WORLD: 6 pm

Contact Cathy Shortland 293510

Tuesdays:

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(1st Tuesday of the month)

OVER SIXTIES CLUB: 1.45-4 pm

(2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month)

Anne Baker: 423367

LUNCH CLUB

(3rd Tuesday of the month)

Arthur Clapp: 500220

RAINBOWS & BROWNIES: 5-7 pm

Julie Beaumont 321736

Wednesdays:

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Patricia Abrey: 425915 or Elizabeth Newman: 424993

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A warm welcome for Fr. Pat



Fr Pat Cleary, St Laurence's R.C Church's new parish priest

FR PAT Cleary is beginning to settle into his new post as parish priest at St Laurence's Roman Catholic Church, Milton Road, after arriving in Cambridge from a parish in St Neots in September.

"I've met some lovely people at St Laurence's, and they've all been so welcoming", he told 'Challenge'.

Fr Cleary was born in Ipswich and left school at the age of 15. He worked in a cotton shop in the town, eventually becoming a manager at a branch of the business in Notting Hill, London.

Then, in his mid-20's he began an 8-year training for the Roman Catholic priesthood, and was ordained in Norwich R.C. Cathedral.

His first appointment was in Cambridge at Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Hills Road where Fr Cleary served between 1978-1982, before moving to St Mary's R.C. Church

in Ipswich, where, by coincidence, his predecessor at St Laurence's, Fr David Paul, moved to earlier this year.

Fr Cleary's first appointment as a parish priest was in 1985 when he served in Thetford, Norfolk, but in 1991 his ministry took a complete change with a move for three years to Bolivia, South America in Santa Cruz, the main city in the country.

"It was a very challenging task which also included trying to learn Spanish, the native language, which I didn't find very easy to grasp", Fr Cleary admitted!

In 1995, Fr Cleary moved to the city of Boston in the United States, working at the Missionary Society of St James, and then in 2000, travelled back to the UK to the to Lowestoft, before his most recent 'port of call', serving the parishioners for 8 years in St Neots.

Fr Cleary is a great cricket enthusiast and is a past member of both Middlesex and Kent cricket clubs, and if anyone visits his presbytery in Milton Road, he will proudly show off his two wonderful prints of past cricket scenes at Lords and Canterbury cricket grounds.

Community Award

NOMINATIONS are invited for this year's Lil Speed Community Volunteer award for anyone who has made a significant voluntary contribution to the community in Chesterton.

Previous winners have included Lil Speed, Donald Flory and the late Derek Stubbings.

If anyone would like to nominate someone, forms are available from either Brown's Field Community Centre or St Andrew's Hall.

The closing date for nominations is 10 Jan 2011 for the award in February.

For further information contact Sally Roden on 517523.

Ocean Dragon

ERIC Trinh, and his crew at the 'Ocean Dragon Express' Chinese 'take away' shop in Camplin Road, would like to wish all their customers a very happy Christmas. A new menu is now available from the shop and a limited number of 2011 calendars are to be given to regular customers. For full details of the menu ring 423288 or view on website www.ocean-dragon.co.uk.



The Mayor of Cambridge, Sheila Stuart, about to release nearly 100 balloons at the Nuns Way pavilion.

Up, up and away!

MANY local residents attended a community meeting at the Nuns Way pavilion last month and showed interest on ways in which the underused premises could be used.

The pavilion was built in 2003 and the King's Hedges Neighbourhood Partnership is very anxious to use this facility more widely for the benefit

fit of the local community.

During the occasion, Councillor Sheila Stuart, Mayor of Cambridge, released nearly 100 labelled balloons in a contest to find the balloon which had travelled the farthest in the brisk northerly wind.

To date, one balloon reached Bognor Regis on the Sussex coast in less than two hours!

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St George's Clubs

THE Christmas period is always a busy time of the year for St George's Church.

The Kettle Club, who meet in the church hall, will be holding its monthly meeting a week earlier on Tuesday, 30 November at 10.30 am.

The monthly Charity Coffee Morning will be held in church on Saturday, 4 December between 10.30am-12noon.

The Over 60's Club meet in the church hall on Tuesday, 7 December at 1.45pm for a Club End of Year Event, followed by St George's Lunch Club's popular Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, 14 December at 12.30pm - members to contact Arthur Clapp on 500220 if they are unable to attend.

Methodist Fayre

FOR those who love a Christmas Fayre, the Chesterton Methodist Church is holding an event on Saturday, 4 December

between 11am - 1pm. There will be tombola and all seasonal stalls and, of course, Father Christmas.

Grove School Fayre

AND another Christmas Fayre—this time at the Grove School on Campkin Road. Weds 8th December at 3.15 pm.

Arbury TG

THE Arbury Townswomen's Guild meets for its annual Christmas Party at the Arbury Community Centre on Thursday, 16 December at 2.30pm. Another Christmas Meal will be held at the Chesterton Bowl's club, Logans Way by the Brown's Field Over 55 Sunshine Group on Monday, 20 December.

Choral Concert

OLD ones, new ones, much loved ones and forgotten ones - the audience will be filled with a warm Christmas glow when they sing along with many of their favourite carols at the Chesterton Choral Society's Christmas Concert on Monday 6th December. The Ceremony of Carols will take place at 7.30pm at the Chesterton Methodist Church Hall in Green End Road. Tickets for this festive treat are £6 (under 16s £3) and can be obtained by calling 501091, 243190 or can be purchased on the door.

Magic & Disco

JEZO's Magic and Ministar Disco will be providing fun for all the family at the Brown's Field Community Centre during the afternoon of Friday, 17 December between 4.30-6.30pm. Tickets £1 each (children under 2 free) will be on sale at the centre from Monday, 6 December - children must be accompanied by an adult. Telephone 420309 for further details.

Grovebury Ladies

MEMBERS of the Grovebury Ladies Club will be travelling to Barton for a Christmas Meal on Tuesday, 7 December, followed by a visit to the pantomime 'Aladdin' at the Arts Theatre on Tuesday, 9 December. The club finishes this year's events with a Christmas Raffle and Social Event at the Arbury Community Centre on Tuesday, 14 December at 8pm.

Wool wanted

THE crochet and knitting group which meets at the Community House, 37 Lawrence Way, to make and raffle blankets for charity, urgently need odd balls of wool to complete the next target on behalf of Blue Cross. If anyone can help, please take your gifts of wool to the Community House (Tel.

508197) or to Marie Littlechild, 28 Jackson Road.

Razzamataz

A DANCING, drama and singing group called 'Razzamataz' meets every Saturday morning at The Manor school, Arbury Road for children and teenagers between the ages of 4-18. Full details from Louise Allen on 01572 811504 or 07534 855020.

Brownies

THE 41st Cambridge Brownie pack, which meets in St George's Church Hall on Tuesday evenings between 5.45 - 7pm for girls 7-10 years, could do with a few more members. Contact Jeanette Kusel on 07894 230310 for more details.

Arbury Lights

A REMINDER that the turning on of the Christmas Tree lights at Arbury Court will be held on Tuesday, 7 December between 4-5pm.

Tickets for the pantomime 'Cinderella' at the Arbury Community Centre on Saturday, 15 January, 2011 at 3pm are still available from 37 Lawrence Way, telephone 508197.

Chesterton Lights

THE annual Christmas tree event in Chesterton will be held on Tuesday, 1 December outside Ches-

terton Methodist Church between 6-7pm.

The lights will be turned on by the Mayor, Councillor Sheila Stuart, followed by carol singing and a visit from Father Christmas.

2011 Census

On 27 March 2011 all residential households in the United Kingdom will be taking part in a census.

It is not just another survey: The census is important as it provides an excellent source of information about the population. This enables central and local government, health authorities and many other organisations to plan housing, education, health and transport services for years to come for all sectors of the population.

When the questionnaire envelope comes through the door you'll easily recognise it by the purple 2011 Census logo.

Over the coming months a number of jobs will be created to support the Census. These will be a mix of part-time and full time jobs. Some will last months, others a matter of weeks. All, we understand, will offer competitive rates of pay.

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